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Mr. Thomas W. Wadlow
Chief, Records Disposition Division
Office of Federal Records Centers
National Archives and Records Service
General Services Administration
Inter-Ocean Building
512 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Wadlow:

We are requesting authority for a direct transfer to the National Archives of recently declassified studies of German and Soviet Intelligence and Espionage activities in Europe and the Middle East before and during World War II.

Prior to our declassification of these studies they were reviewed by appropriate elements of the Department of State and CIA and they had no objection to making them available to the public for research.

These studies and related appendices comprise about ten inches of material and contain the following:

1. "Rote Kapelle," a two volume report dated December 1973. The term "Rote Kapelle" ("Red Orchestra," "Red Band," "Red Choir" or "Red Chapel") was a cryptonym coined by the German central security office to designate the Soviet networks of espionage prior and during World War II. The period covered is 1936-1945 and includes the networks in Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Switzerland and Italy.

2. Two single volumes (undated) entitled "Study of Intelligence and Counterintelligence Activities on the Eastern Front and in Adjacent Areas During World War II," and "Study of German Intelligence Activities in the Near East and Related Areas prior to and during World War II" with four unpublished appendices. These studies were prepared on the basis of information gleaned from official German documents captured during

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World War II. The documents examined for these studies consisted of official correspondence, reports, instructions and cables exchanged between the German Foreign Ministry (GFM) and its diplomatic establishments abroad. Copies of these documents in microform are currently held by the Department of State where they may be examined by referring to the index of serial and frame numbers at the end of each chapter. STAT

Any further background needed regarding this request may be directed to [redacted] of my staff on [redacted] STAT

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